

REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are currently pending. Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New Claims 21-40 have been added. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the above amendments and the following remarks, and pass the application to allowance.

Response to Office Action:**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 112:**

Claims 1-14 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description. As set forth above, Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102:

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bellomo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,504,908). As set forth above, Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103:

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Bellomo et al. in view of Flittie (U.S. Patent No. 4,186,389). As set forth, Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

New Claims 21-40:

Claims 21-40 recite an alarm clock or apparatus having a photosensitive cell configured to sense changes in an amount of light in a room and a controller configured to receive information from the photosensitive cell, wherein the controller provides an auditory cue upon a change in the amount of light in the room.

None of the art cited teaches an alarm clock or apparatus having a photosensitive cell that senses a change in the amount of light and a controller, wherein the controller provides an auditory and or visual cue upon a change in the amount of light in the room. Accordingly, Claims 21-40 should be allowable.

Conclusion:

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 21-40 are presently in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is requested. If, however, any matters remain that could be clarified by Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number below

Respectfully submitted,

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